Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020
The Churches of St. Catherine and St. Charles

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Established 1892

Oh God, you caused St. Catherine to shine with divine love in the contemplation of the Lord’s Passion and in the service of your Church. By your help, grant that your people associated in the mystery of Christ, may ever exalt in the revelation of His glory.

163 Walnut Street
Ronceverte, WV 24970
Rosary: 10:30 AM
Mass: 11:00 AM
Confessions: Thursday 8:00 AM
St. Louis
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 AM
Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Established 1903

Oh God, maintain in your people that spirit with which you inspired your Bishop, St. Charles, so that your church may be constantly renewed, conforming itself to Christ and manifesting Christ to the world.

40798 Midland Trail (US 60)
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986
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Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday
Confessions: 8:30 AM
Mass: 9:00 AM

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10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Deadline for bulletin items NOON on Wednesday

Check our bulletins online:
St. Charles www.parishesonline.com/find/st-charles-borromeo-catholic-24986
St. Catherine www.parishesonline.com/find/st-catherine-of-siena-24970
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 19th

4:00 pm For the People Reader: Julie Burton Altar Server: Deacon Bill EMHC: Patti Waid, Deacon Bill

6:00 pm Mass For the People Reader: Judy Long Altar Server:

Saturday, January 18th

Vigil for Baptism of the Lord

10:30 am Rosary (D) Readers: Connie Brown, Kathy Anderson Altar Server: Deacon Tom EMHC: Mary Murray, Deacon Tom

8:30 am Mass Fred Mulier (D) Marlene Muller (L) Reader: Cheryl Hoover Altar Server: Perk Berry EMHC: Elaine Soper, Deacon Tom

6:30 pm Mass D.L. Moody (D)

8:30 pm Mass Florence Anderson (D)

Tuesday, January 14th

12:00 Noon Mass E.H. Moody (D)

Wednesday, January 15th

7:00 am Mass St. Catherine

8:30 am Mass St. Charles

9:00 am Mass St. Louis

8:30 am Mass for the People Reader: Mikki Dixon

6:00 pm Mass for the People Reader: Andrea Karrs Altar Server:

Thursday, January 16th

8:30 am Mass Fr. Dan Cavanagh (D)

Friday, January 17th

8:30 am Mass David & Barbara Rapport – 50th Anniversary

Saturday, January 18th

Vigil for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm For the People Reader: Mikki Dixon Altar Server: EMHC: Patti Waid, Jack O’Connell

6:00 pm Mass For the People Reader: Andrea Karrs Altar Server:

Sunday, January 19th

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am Rosary Mary Ouellette (D) Readers: Mary & Evie Crosby Altar Server: Deacon Bill EMHC: Connie Brown, Deacon Bill

9:00 am Mass Margaret Hoff (D) Reader: Debbie McCimb Altar Server: Perk Berry EMHC Gertrude Worsman, Sue Berry

What Does the Catholic Church Teach About…?

Question:

I was asked, “How long should I keep my Christmas decorations up?”

My Answer:

I guess, until you are tired of them.

I think the question really is about the Christmas Season. So, Christmas related items, Not a Christmas Tree, but things like a Manger Scene or other decorations that might point to the birth of Jesus should remain in place throughout the Christmas Season. So the real question would be, what is the Christmas Season?

Here is an excerpt that all clergy receive before we enter into the Advent/Christmas Season regarding times and suggested celebration aids that come directly from the Office of Liturgy and Worship in our Diocese.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas offers the Church an opportunity to engage in its task of evangelization. Many people and families come to the Church to celebrate the birth of Christ who may ordinarily never come to our doors. It is important that we welcome them as the world welcomes our God becoming incarnate. Pope Francis reminds us that “The Church must be a place of mercy freely given where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.” (Evangelii gaudium, 114)

The Church celebrates Christmas from the evening of December 24th to January 13th. The environment and hymnody should reflect this understanding. For the Church, Christmas last longer than one day.

As you can see, the Christmas Season starts on December 24th, not the day after Thanksgiving, and lasts to January 13th. In other words, through the feast of the Baptism of Jesus.

It is appropriate and suggested that items celebrating the birth of Christ be left in place until after the Baptism of Jesus. And yes, if you want to include your secular decorations, Christmas Tree, Snowman, Lights and Garland, you can leave these up or take them down at your will. Remember, we are not of this world. We are in a life of Christ Jesus through our Baptism and thus we attend to the things of Christ and to those things that lead us to Christ.

New Year’s Resolution. Be more attentive to what I am being called to do in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Have a question? Let me know at thomason@shentel.net. There is never a dumb question. The answer may not be what you think, but do not let that keep you from asking.

This Week’s Prayer requests: Sharon O’Neil Harrah, Father Chapin Engler, Harvey Gannon, Kathy Foley, Dr. Joan Moore, Lyra Bell, Bill and Shirley Riley, Natalie O’Donnell, Jay Moore, Anna McMillion, Patsy Hollandsworth, Judy Sweeney, Junior Burns, Lee Lytle, Monica Layne, Shelva Burr, Ben , Sarah (Cookie John- son), Jim Berry, Matt Ford, Joyce Solak, Fred Early, Leo Spradling, Armella Johnson, Sue Malloy, Jim Bryant, Jan son Sheppard, Chad O’Donnell, Roger Sheppard, Charlie Friedman, Jeff McCormick, Jean Foley, Quinton Williams, Kenneth Holliday, Lisa Covelli, Mike Stentz, Ruth Beverley, Jack Lucas, Pete Zaiser, Larry Burns, Mario Scarpa, Larry Muselman, J.P.Riggelman, Shane McCoy. The Altar/Rosary Prayer List . Prayer requests are taken each week for inclusion in the bulletin for two weeks. Please phone the Rectory (536-1813) with your requests or drop them in the Prayer Intention Box.

SOCIAL CONCERN COLLECTION FOR ST. LOUIS AND ST. CATHERINE FOR JANUARY 2020

The social concern collection will be for FAMILY REFUGE CENTER on January 19, 2020. Prayerfully consider your contribution to this most important organization in our community especially at this time of year.

Stewardship Report
01/04/2020

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